

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Related to Set Item #1 -- Assistance and Services for Victims:

On July 29, this board unanimously approved my motion which requested the District Attorney to provide a report about the resources available to victims under the California Victim Compensation Program and the Victim-Witness Assistance Program, identify gaps in the programs and provide recommendations on ways services and assistance to victims can be enhanced.

The District Attorney's report of November 12 points out that, in 2012, there were approximately 45,000 victims of violent crime alone in Los Angeles County but assistance is provided to only about 20,000 crime victims annually. This significant service gap is the result of inadequate staff within the District Attorney's Direct Services Division and the Restitution Enhancement Program. Additional contributors to the gaps in service were the passage of Marsy's Law in 2009 and Realignment – AB 109 – in 2011. The Board of Supervisors should embrace and adopt recommendations that are consistent with the District Attorney's report.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Request the District Attorney to work with the Chief Executive Officer to develop and present a comprehensive Victims Services Strategic Plan at the same time she reports back on her Comprehensive Diversion Plan for the Mentally Ill, which shall include the following components along with a fiscal analysis:
 - a. Establishing new victims sites, especially in Sheriff's Stations;
 - b. Expanding services to victims of non-violent crimes, while continuing to prioritize services for victims of violence and threats of violence;
 - c. Increasing service levels at existing sites where necessary;

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- d. Adding specialized advocacy units, including for victims of hate crimes, human trafficking and financial crimes;
 - e. Increasing the staff within the Restitution Enhancement Program; and,
 - f. Identifying gaps in services which can be provided by community-based organizations.
2. Direct the Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC) to:
- a. Establish a sub-committee to make recommendations on the formation of a local restitution collection system with authority to collect restitution from offenders sentenced under Penal Code Section 1170(h). The sub-committee should be chaired by a representative from the District Attorney's Office and include appropriate representatives as necessary, including the Sheriff's Department, the Probation Department, the Auditor-Controller's Office and the Treasurer Tax-Collector;
 - b. Explore opportunities in which the county and/or the court can mitigate financial impacts on victims emanating from participating in the criminal justice process; and
 - c. Provide the report to the Board of Supervisors on the above at the same time the District Attorney's report is due.

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